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TODAY'S WEATHER: Light or moderate Southeast winds, partly cloudy today becoming cloudy and misty tonight; with fog in South and Southeast areas.
Noon Observations: Barometric pressure 1013.3 mbs., 29.02 in. Temperature 70.7 deg. F. Dew point 68 deg. F. Relative humidity 90. Wind direction East. Wind force 4 knots. High water: 6 ft. 3 in. at 5:08 p.m. Low water: 1 ft. 5 in. at 1:31 a.m. (Wednesday).

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Ship Refloats Herself

A distress signal was received from the Philippine motorship Northwest last night, but was subsequently cancelled as the vessel reported no help was needed.

The small ship sent a message at 1 a.m. this morning that she had hit a rock off the China coast and needed "immediate help." The position was off Wenchow, in roughly the same vicinity as a collision several weeks ago between the Chinese ships Kien Yuen and Taiping, both of which sank with a large loss of life.

Fifteen minutes after its first message, the North West said she was now refloated and "All OK. No help needed." The American President Lines' General Mills, which was going to her assistance, resumed her normal course.

The North West is engaged in the Hongkong-Korea trade. —United Press.

H.K. Dealings In Black Market Wool Denied

Sydney Paper's Story
Sydney, Feb. 21.—Mr. R. Hazzard, the Australian Trade Commissioner in Hongkong until November last year, tonight denied allegations that Australian black market wool had been supplied to Japan through Hongkong.

Only 200 bales of Australian wool had been reshipped to Japan under special licence, he said. "There have been many other attempts to re-export wool but none has succeeded," he declared.

No wool could be exported from Hongkong without the approval of the Australian and Hongkong Governments, he added. The Hongkong correspondent of the Sydney Morning Herald had today quoted an importer for the statement: "Australia's greatest success in post-war trade with the East has been in supplying black market wool to Japan through Hongkong. When Australia would not officially sell wool to Japan, thousands of bales were shipped here and re-shipped to Japan."

The Sydney Morning Herald also quoted a Sydney wool buyer as saying that Hongkong was not the only clearing house for black market wool. Some was sent to China by way of New York, he said.—Reuter

EDITORIAL

Time For A New Airport

PROBABLY because of the chaotic political situation in China and its possible repercussions on Hongkong, sight has been lost of an important local problem—a new airport. From time to time during the past three years this has been the subject of questions in the House of Commons—and each time there has been the customary uninformative and unsatisfactory answers. They have left the Colony still wondering whether or not Hongkong is to possess an airport worthy, not only of its commercial value, but of its prestige as the foremost link between the eastern and the western hemispheres. Hongkong remembers the fiasco of Pusan—a financial waste and the manner in which it was allowed to be made into an unnecessary political issue of low priority. In the first place, by experts, was later condemned by other experts who came out to Hongkong completely armed with Chicago Convention statistics and then converted an already expensive undertaking into a dead loss. Since that time, the future Hongkong airport has been largely shrouded in mystery. There have been a number of development schemes proposed, and turned down—the linking of Stonecutters' Island with Lai Chi Kok; extension of the present Kai Tak site by extensive reclamation work in the Kowloon Bay. Finally a site was chosen in the New Territories, and tacit official approval given to the project. But it was more than a year ago and today the new modern Hongkong airport appears to be just as far away as it ever was. There have been no questions asked about it in Legislative Council; no queries put to the Minister of Civil Aviation in the House of Commons for many months. Does it mean that Hongkong is to give up the idea of an airport that will make this Colony the centre of civil aviation in the Far East? Singapore has

N. Atlantic Union Pact Prospects Much Brighter

SIR OLIVER FRANKS TO RESUME TALKS

U.S. To Give Assurances

London, Feb. 21.—Sir Oliver Franks, the British Ambassador to Washington, is expected to meet the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, either tomorrow or Thursday to continue the North Atlantic Pact talks, it was authoritatively learned here today.

The prospects for the early conclusion of the Atlantic Union Pact brightened considerably after the weekend talks in Washington between Mr. Acheson and the Canadian and Western Union Ambassadors, London diplomatic observers considered.

The Canadian envoy, Mr. Humphrey Hume Wrong, will also see Mr. Acheson again with Sir Oliver. Last Saturday's meeting was reported as having brought appreciably nearer solution the search for a mutually acceptable formula for the crucial article (5) of the draft text dealing with obligations in the case of an attack on any member State.

Before this meeting, Sir Oliver was believed to have received clear instructions regarding the British attitude to this clause and to the non-committal formula proposed by Senator Tom Connally, Chairman of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Chinese Peace Mission Said Making Progress

SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS

Peiping, Feb. 22.—Progress of the Shanghai private peace mission was believed today to be nearing the stage where definite developments toward bringing the Nationalists and Communists together can be expected.

The most significant among new developments is the presence of General Lin Piao, overall Red North China commander, and Central Committee Tung Pi-wu in Peiping, talking with the mission members.

Lin Piao's political commissar, Lo Jung-huan, and the Military Affairs Commissioner, General Yeh Yien-ching, also attended.

It was a fair inference that the presence of Tung Pi-wu—who was deputy Red negotiator at the time of the Marshall Mission—is connected with developments toward peace.

Chinese press reports continue to tell of definite progress made toward contact between Mao Tse-tung and Shao Li-tze who, in addition to being a member of the Shanghai mission, is also the chief delegate of the commission named by Li Tsung-jen to negotiate peace. A report persists that Shao Li-tze is contacting Mao Tse-tung at Shih-chiuchiang.

A round table conference was also reportedly planned in which the Red leaders would meet with the Shanghai leaders as well as Marshal Li Chi-sen, anti-Chiang Kai-shek leader from Hongkong. But there has been no official word on the plan.—United Press.

WON'T ATTACK YANGTSE

Nanking, Feb. 21.—A Chinese press dispatch from Chenkeng, provincial capital of Kiangsu, today reported that the Chinese Red commander, Chen Yi, assured the government peace promoter, Li Min-yan, that the Chinese Reds would not launch an offensive across the Yangtze while peace talks are going on.

The informant, who spoke of the assurances to be given in the proposed peace treaty, is an administration Li Min-yan, recently conferred with the Chinese Reds on peace. He revealed that Chen Yi "will attack the Yangtze river only should the forthcoming peace parley collapse."

Chen Yi reportedly said that only one Communist platoon was left around Shenliniao and Shaofo, Grand Canal towns within 10 miles of the North Bank.—United Press.

L'I'S CONFERENCES

Nanking, Feb. 22.—Acting President Li Tsung-jen will hold important conferences with military leaders here within a week the Kiangnan Wan Pao reported.

The conferences will discuss "the overall situation" according to reliable authority. It was learned acting President Li invited former Premier Chang Chun from Chung King, General Chang Chih-chung, Northwest Pacification Commissioner and Governor Cheng Chien, Governor of Hunan.—Associated Press.

STOP PRESS

LI LEAVES CANTON

Canton, Feb. 22.—Acting President Li Tsung-jen left at noon today by plane for Kweliang, capital of Kwangsi Province, in continuation of his "inspection" tour.

At the airport, he willingly declined to answer questions on the outcome of his conferences with Premier Sun Fo and members of the Canton-based Cabinet.—Reuter—AAP.

Film Stars In Gaol



Above, actress Lila Leeds, her glamorous figure concealed by a sack-like faded blue denim dress and baggy sweater, makes up her cot in the Los Angeles jail as she began her 60-day sentence for conspiracy to possess marijuana. Below, Robert Mitchum, convicted on the same charge, begins his sentence on the business end of a mop.—AP Pictures.



Phibun Ready To Quit

Bangkok, Feb. 21.—Phibun Songkram seems ready to quit the premiership, according to the daily newspaper Democrat, which quoted high naval sources as saying Phibun had contacted high naval officials with the express view of seeing who would succeed him should he resign after promulgation of the new constitution, which is expected soon.

The paper quoted high naval sources that members of the November 1947 coup already had approached Rear-Admiral Luang Hinlu Songkrachai to sound him out as possible successor to Phibun. The Premier's promise of a declaration of a state of emergency has not yet been carried out. It is generally speculated that this state would not be declared. The measure had been determined by the Regency Council, according to the daily paper Kakorn Sam.—United Press.

NO ARMISTICE SIGNED YET

Israeli-Egyptian Statement Awaited

London, Feb. 21.—Usually well-informed sources in Cairo said the Israeli-Egyptian armistice agreement would be signed at Rhodes today. The text would be held for simultaneous release in Cairo and Tel-Aviv, they added.

The fact that the Israeli Government archives were sent by Rhodes early today was considered as an indication that the agreement would be signed today.

A United Nations source in Cairo said that the agreement would be signed by the Acting Mediator, Dr. Ralph Bunche, and Major-General William Riley, UN Chief of Staff in Palestine.

An official Israeli spokesman in Tel-Aviv tonight, however, denied reports that an agreement had been signed. He said that the Israeli delegates were expected to return from Rhodes after the conclusion of the talks "towards the end of this week."

DELEGATION AWAITED

No date or meeting place had been arranged for further talks with other Arab States and there were no grounds for the rumours that either Transjordan or the Lebanon was "next on the list," the spokesman said.

In Rhodes, Dr. Bunche said that a Transjordan delegation was expected to arrive there on February 24 to open armistice talks with the Jews.

He said the talks were due to begin the next day, adding that a message from Amman did not inform him of the composition of the delegation.

An Israeli delegation source said later that the Jews wanted a few days after the end of the Israeli-Egyptian talks to prepare the next set of negotiations, indicating that talks with Transjordan might not get under way on the date named by Dr. Bunche.—Reuter.

PRISONERS FREED

Jerusalem, Feb. 21.—The Israeli and Transjordanian commanders of Jerusalem talked about their countries' forthcoming armistice negotiations in the middle of the Holy City's No. Man's Land today while more than 100 Jewish prisoners of war passed on their way to freedom.

Colonel Moshe Dayan, Israeli commander, was reported to have told Abdullah el Tell, Arab commander, that Israel would object to any British members being included in the Transjordan delegation. It had been rumoured that Clubb Pusha, the Legion's British officer, would be one of the delegates.

The capture of the plane was reported by an American pilot, Captain Cederberg, whose Siamese-owned Trans-Asian Airways Dakota plane narrowly escaped a similar fate.

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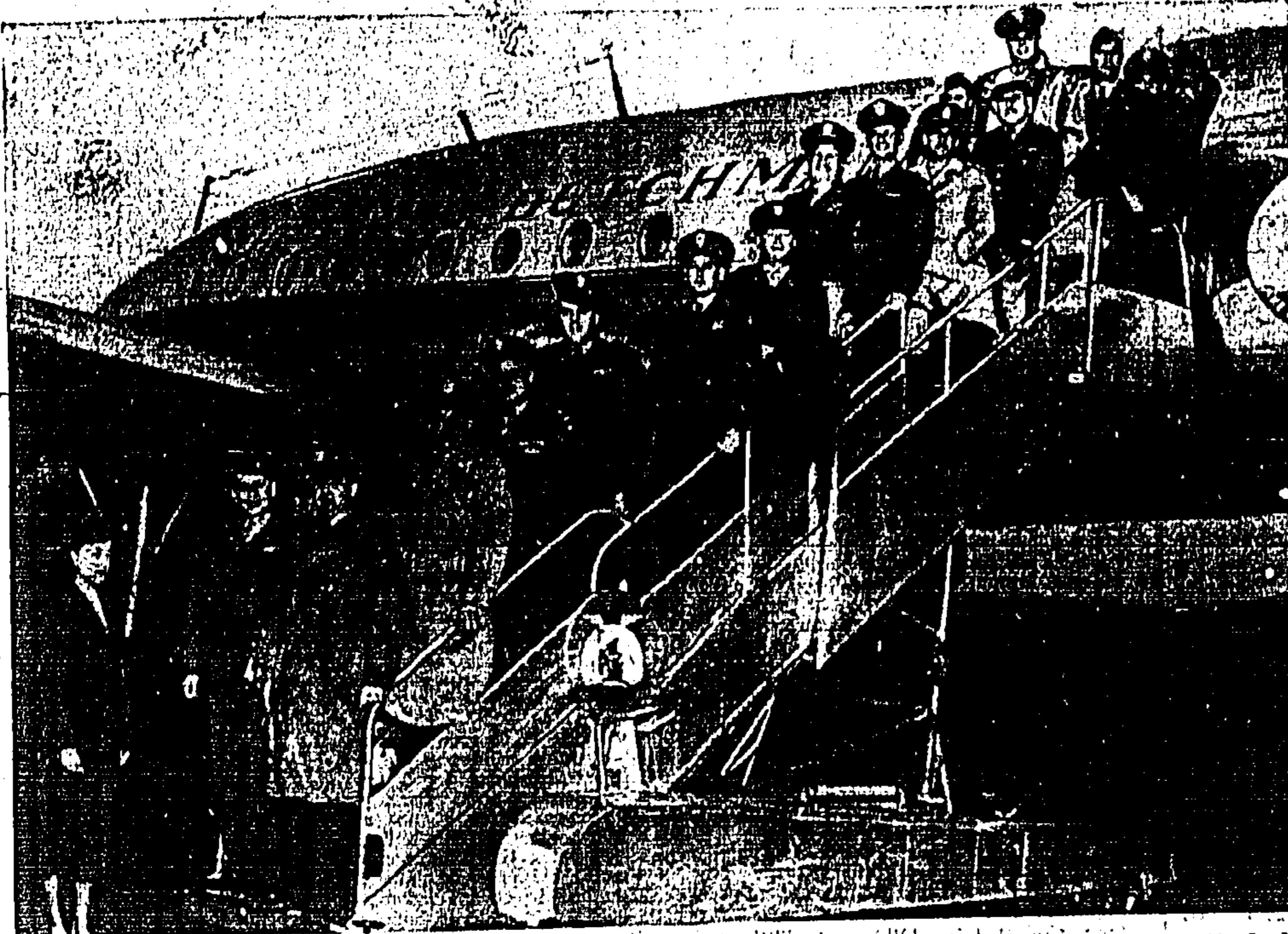
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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



TO THE MIDDLE EAST—Boarding a plane at Idlewild Airport, New York, 22 military observers attached to the UN Committee of Mediation for Palestine leave for Damascus, Syria. They will be assigned to check UN truce conditions between Israel and the Arab States.



BEACH BRIEFS—The French motif makes its debut at Miami Beach, Florida, in this two-piece pastel cotton faillle worn here by Trudy Kneesh. Doesn't look like they were meant to swim in though.



LAST MINUTE CHARITY—With the Reds at Shanghai's door, the Shanghai Advisory Committee for Child Welfare collects two truck loads of clothing and quilts for refugees in Chapei. Six hundred huts were burned and 3,000 rendered homeless by a recent fire in the town.



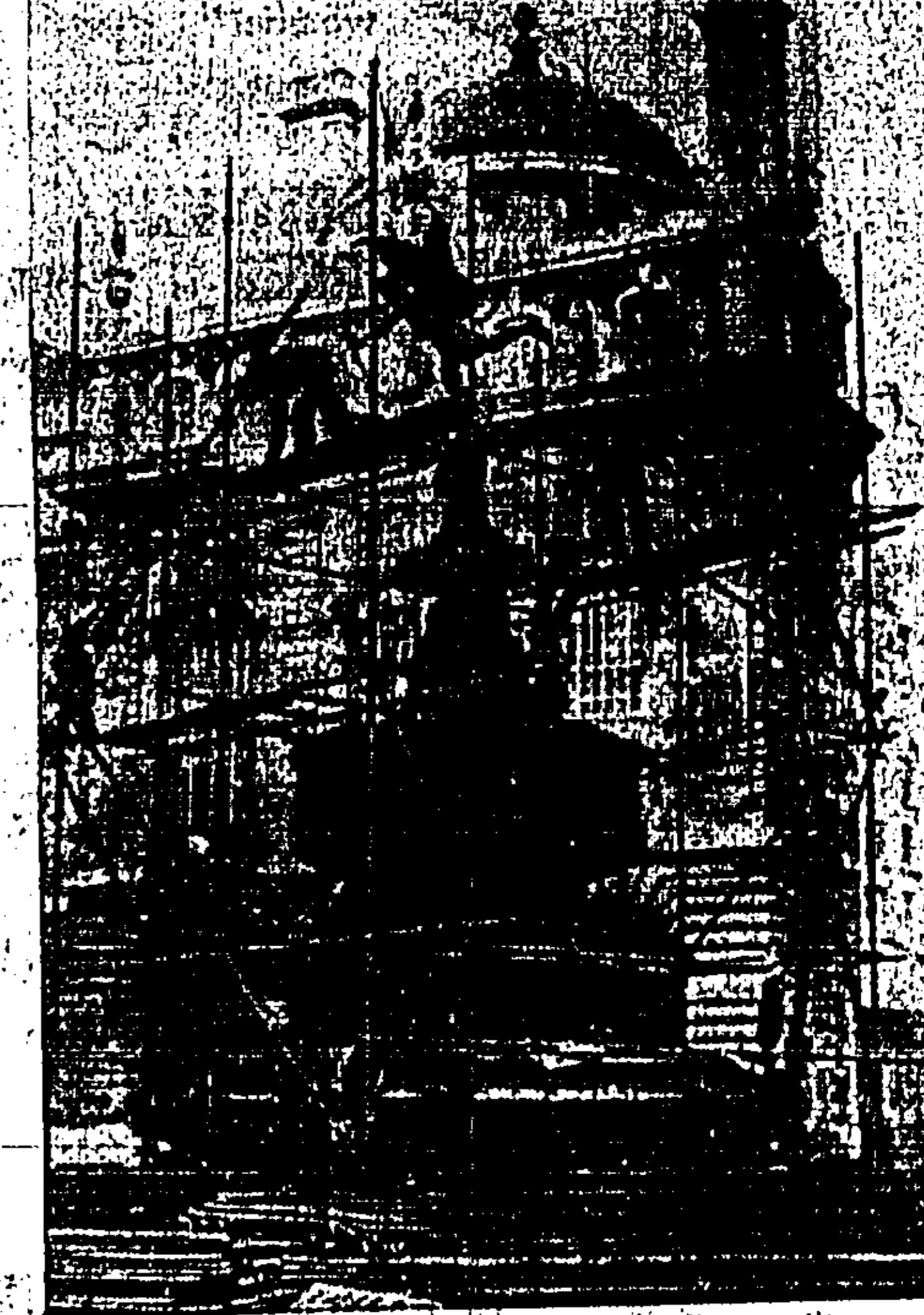
CHECKS EARTH TREMORS—An assistant in geology at the University of California adjusts a Benioff vertical seismometer. The apparatus sends earthquake impulses to a recorder from which scientists determine the intensity of any tremors.



CITRUS CELEBRATION—These girls took the recent announcement of Citrus Week in Cypress Gardens, Florida, quite seriously. They constructed a map of Florida out of fruit, then stationed themselves at spots representing leading towns.



VINEYARD BEAUTY—Italian film star Maria Dennis plucks a few grapes in a castle garden of a 13th century Tuscan village on location in Trequanda, Italy. She is playing in a British-produced picture which is one of many being filmed in Italy just now.



SEQUEL—Workmen build scaffolding around the statue of the Greek God of Love, Eros, in Piccadilly Circus, London, which was damaged recently when a spirited citizen climbed to the top.



OUT FOR A WALK—Shunning the mist-covered lake, these ducks decided to walk during their morning constitutional in Atlanta, Georgia. In common with other United States cities, Atlanta has been plagued with freak weather recently.



MAGNESIUM PLATE—A new magnesium newspaper plate is held by Marion Dressner of Woodhaven, New York, as she examines printing work turned out by students at the New York School of Printing. The plate weighs only 1.6 lbs, against the conventional plates weighing 46 lbs each.

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LES FAIBLES

A TRAGEDY OF INFLATION

A MILLION and a quarter French people are listed on the country's official registers today as "les économiquement faibles"—the economically weak. They are the men and women over 65 whom inflation has reduced to the extremes of poverty, often after 40 years of work.

And all over France, the "petite bourgeoisie"—the middle classes—have begun to organise. They have formed a national committee embracing federations of small landowners, one-man business proprietors, architects, artisans, lawyers and chemists, with a membership of a million.

Because their varied interests are often unsuited to joint action, they may have a hard time defending their cause. But their leaders do not consider the cause is lost, for there is one common interest among these middle class groups: not to end up, at 65, by being another generation of the economically weak.

Two World Wars, plus inflation, have placed the little people of France in this position. By exercising a major French virtue—thriftiness—millions of them used to be able to fulfil their dream of retirement to a small house, a small plot of land, and a moderate income.

Inflation has turned the dream into an economic nightmare. To be classed as "economically weak" means an annual income of no more than US\$200 per person, or \$330 per couple. This is the new "liberalised" figure which is expected to increase the list of economically weak to more than two million, all of whom are entitled to 1200 francs a month (about US\$4) in government assistance.

Multiplied By 100

IT makes little or no difference whether these people once invested their savings in property or in Government bonds. If dependent on rentals, they have had to face a cost of living multiplied by 100 since 1920 and 20 times since 1938, while rental laws until recently have permitted increases of only five to 10 percent.

Rents are to be jacked up somewhere around 33 percent this year, with a complicated computation of living space, height of ceiling, position and so on which nobody seems to understand, least of all the landlords. Generally speaking, rents were so low in France that today a man easily spends two or three times for tobacco in a week more than he pays his landlord.

The farmer is the biggest winner, and he represents nearly half of the 40 million Frenchmen. His standard of living was never so high. He now eats meat every day whereas before once or twice a week was the maximum, which is said to be part of the reason meat is so expensive to city dwellers. No Government has yet dared to tax the farmer, nor compel him to deliver his goods to the markets.

"Economically weak" aged people are not the only big sufferers. The middle classes—especially fixed salary white-collar groups—are finding it hard to make ends meet. They cannot escape taxation, since their employers deduct it from their pay. The position of the middle classes, as well as professionals such as doctors, dentists and engineers, becomes less and less enviable as more industry is nationalised and social insurance schemes are extended.

To millions of French middle-class couples like Anne and Andre Chaumont, life today is misery in a white collar.

Most of the privileges once available to the "petite bourgeoisie" are hopelessly beyond their reach. But their inflation-bred hardship is not the "rags and tatters" variety. Most of them are too proud to ask for help; they keep their homes clean, dignified, and even attractive, and their clothes are spotless because they have to keep up white collar appearances.

This explains why a census of young middle class couples today would reveal that most wives have had to take a job to make ends meet. In better days, when a French girl married, she expected to stay at home and raise a family. A wife only went to work in exceptional cases where she had a profession or business prior to marriage.

Doing Without

BOTH Anne and Andre Chaumont have jobs, and their combined salaries, back in 1939, would have enabled them to enjoy all sorts of amenities which they have to do without today.

They could have rented a comfortable apartment instead of a tiny three-room, walk-up flat without bathroom or closet space. Anne Chaumont would not have to leave her baby in a creche from 8.30 until six at night five days a week. They would not have been obliged to do without all those little pleasures which bring colour to everyday lives, nor count every franc. Above all, they would not have had to spend nearly a third of their monthly income on food as they do today to live very frugally.

Andre Chaumont (36) and his wife Anne (34) come from families of engineers and professors. Both received a sound education and were brought up in relative comfort. Andre is an accountant in a large household appliances firm and earns US\$54 a month. Anne is a social worker and earns more than her husband—US\$40 a month. On their combined salaries they pay US\$9 in taxes—income and social security—which leaves them US\$125 a month net. They are not entitled to the family allowance of US\$8 a month for their first child (their son is 18 months old) because both are at work.

Rent represents US\$1.50 a month. Even with the 33 percent rent increase to be applied this year, it will still be ridiculously cheap by any standards.

No Fixed Budget

ANNE Chaumont confessed she had no fixed monthly budget. "I know what I can spend within a couple of hundred francs, so what's the use of a budget?" she asked. "Every night after dinner my husband brings out the account book and we both go over our day's expenses. I do my daily shopping when I come home from work."

Gas, electricity and heating (coal for the living room stove) cost them around US\$4 per month. For 25 cents apiece they have a substantial midday meal at their respective canteens, which makes US\$5 a month; US\$7 more goes for son Marc's creche, while US\$4 goes towards shoe and bicycle repairs. Another US\$5.50 goes for Anne's car-fare.

Although the Chaumonts eat frugally, Anne Chaumont reckons on between US\$34.50 and \$30 for food alone each month, just for the three of them. Once in a great while they entertain their respective families to dinner, but seldom ask friends to drop in and take "pot

France's "petite bourgeoisie." Two World Wars and inflation have made the old people, like the woman in the right foreground, economically weak, and have made the younger generation behind her organise against a similar future.

(US\$4) and two pairs of shoes.

Because they have friends who own a large villa at the seaside, the Chaumonts were able to spend their entire month's vacation there. Even so, their vacation cost them US\$80 plus US\$25 railway fare (including the 20 percent official discount for all workers).

On week-ends, they travel 12 miles out of Paris to visit Andre Chaumont's parents, who own a small house. Once every three months they go to a concert or a theatre.

Despite the many sacrifices they endure, the Chaumonts plan to have at least two more children. What they both hope for is a sense of security in a future devoid of war scares and threats of civil war, a world in which they could live and work with a mind at peace.

The Chaumonts are fully aware that France has gone through a social revolution so far as their class is concerned. They accept the levelling which new social conditions have brought about philosophically, and are sufficiently realistic not to attempt to "keep up a front." If anything, they are Gaullists at heart.

No Proof Of The Supernatural

By Robert Musel

THE psychic world has been shaken by the contention of a brilliant young investigator that despite 70 years of research, it still needs more evidence to convince science that there are such things as supernormal happenings.

Into the paranormal class Dr. J. West lumped premonitions, apparitions or ghosts, telepathy and dreams that come true. The essence of this report, published by the Society for Psychical Research, is that there is no unshakable case for any of the categories.

In criticizing or pointing out the possibility of error in some of the classic cases usually presented as evidence of paranormal events, Dr. West emphasized that dreams occasionally do come true and that telepathy does work on occasion.

But he understands that there is no evidence that it happens outside the usual mathematical laws of probability. Thus millions of people dream every night, it would be unusual if some of these dreams did not coincide with an event. Millions of people are thinking of other people, so it is likewise not surprising that there are some "telepathic" contacts.

CLASSIC CASES

Dr. West, who has done intensive investigation into alleged mischievous ghosts called poltergeists and other psychic phenomena, does not feel that such inquiries should be ended. He said the few exceptions do strongly suggest a psychic explanation, and it is the duty of investigators to see that final proof either for or against the theory is produced.

Among the classic cases examined by Dr. West is the dream of a Dutch woman in 1938 that Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands would be killed in a motor accident. She wrote a letter about the dream to a Dutch psychologist, and two days later Prince Bernhard was involved in an accident roughly as the woman had dreamed it. However, there were differences, including

With the hope that investigators would make greater efforts to obtain unassailable evidence, Dr. West related the case of the president of a small club which met once a month in England. At the time of one meeting the president was very ill, and while the other members were discussing business they were startled to see the death pale figure of their president walk into the club room and take his place in the vacant chair.

The apparition looked about in silence for a moment, then rose and walked out. The members talked over the visitation and next morning learned the president had died at about the time they thought they saw him.

Dr. West said the incident created a tremendous furor and affidavits attesting to the ghost were drawn up. But later a nurse confessed that she had left the patient's bedside to go to a nearby shop and that when she returned she found his bed empty. He came back soon, however, collapsed and died. She never dared to reveal what happened for fear of ruining her professional reputation.

So the "ghost" was a real person.

NANCY Dissenter

By Ernie Bushmiller

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U.K. UNAWARE OF U.S. DESIRE FOR CHANGE IN JAPAN

London, Feb. 21.—The British Government has received no representations from the United States Government with a view to changing the Allied policy over the occupation of Japan, Mr Hector McNeil, Minister of State, told Parliament today.

He was replying to a question by a Labour Member, Mr Raymond Blackburn.

Navy Seeks Scientific Guidance

London, Feb. 21.—Admiralty is still awaiting guidance from the scientists before building the new kind of navy needed in the atomic age, Britain's Navy Estimates for 1949-50, published today, indicated.

An official Parliamentary paper published with the Estimates, Lord Hull, the First Lord of the Admiralty, announced that he did not propose this year to undertake any substantial programme of new construction. The policy during the forthcoming year would be directed to the improvement by all possible means of the state of readiness of the fleet.

It would also be directed to "vigorous research and development on which the maintenance of the traditional efficiency of the Royal Navy, particularly in the years ahead, will largely depend."

The Estimates amount to £180,250,000, an increase of £30,250,000 over last year. They revealed that only nine warships will be under construction on March 31 this year—one fleet aircraft carrier, one light fleet aircraft carrier and seven destroyers.

The Admiralty will spend £180,000 in the coming year on scientific services and research, the Estimates revealed. Last year's figure was £6,892,000.

Lord Hull's introductory statement to the Estimates declared: "The maintenance of our sea communications in any future war will depend in a high degree on the ability of the Navy, in co-operation with the Royal Air Force, to successfully—counter-attack—by—weapons of a familiar kind but of greatly improved efficiency, and against weapons which have so far not been used at sea."

Provision is made in the estimates for a maximum strength of 153,000 for the Royal Navy, Marines and ancillary services, with 1,400 Royal Marine police. This figure includes 7,200 for the Women's Royal Naval Service and 300 for the Queen Alexandra Royal Naval Nursing Service. It also includes at the maximum approximately 5,000 men and women on release leave and some 3,000 local entrants abroad. Reuter.

FINANCIAL AID FOR REFUGEES

Washington, Feb. 21.—The Senate today passed and sent to the House a resolution authorising a US\$16,000,000 United States contribution for the aid of Palestine war refugees.

The contribution would be made to a special United Nations fund. It would be used to assist about 470,000 Arab and 6,000 Jewish refugees scattered throughout the Middle East.

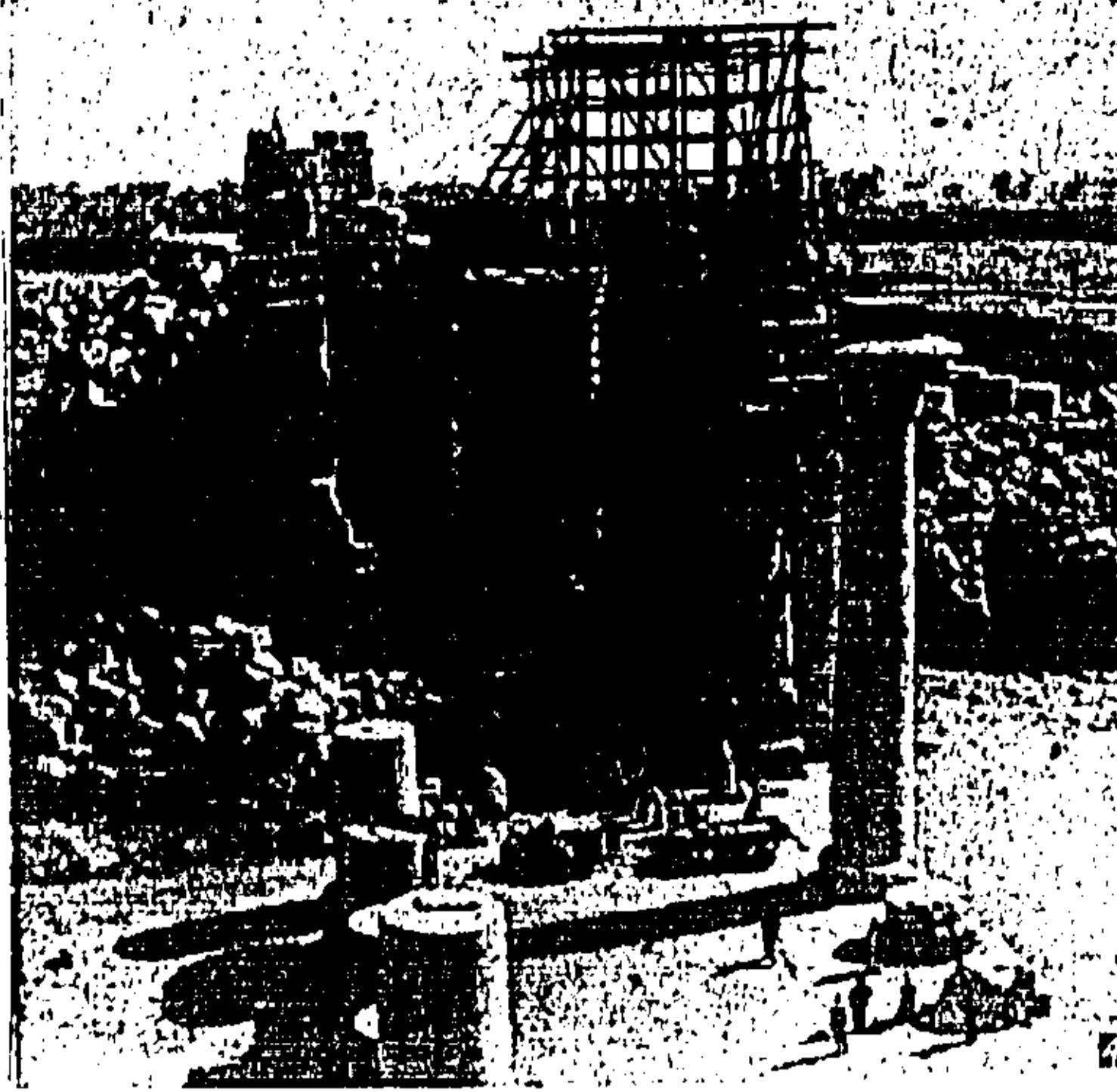
The chairman of the Senator Foreign Relations Committee, Senator Tom Connally, said the contribution was necessary to avert a "great human catastrophe."—United Press.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"What does he need glasses for? None of the members of my family ever had trouble with their eyes!"



RESTORATION—To match original stone, rubble is used to restore 4,000-year-old Temple of Amon, at Karnak, Egypt.

Reasoning Alone Can Not End War—Monty

Zurich, Feb. 21.—Viscount Montgomery, Commander-in-Chief of the Western European Defence Union, said today that the world has not yet reached the stage where mankind can end war by reasoning alone.

Addressing the Swiss-British Society in Zurich, Viscount Montgomery said: "We are supposed to be at peace, but it is a very uneasy peace which broods over the world."

DOWN HERE TO CONTACT COMMUNISTS

Chinese Delegates From Canton

The unofficial Chinese peace delegation arrived at Kai Tak this morning from Canton by Hongkong Airways, but their leader, Professor Wu Yu-hao said they were not empowered to conduct negotiations with the Communists in Hongkong, but only to contact them and to exchange views.

He said: "We were sent by Sun Fo, with the approval of the acting President, Li Tsung-jen, but we have no power to conduct negotiations."

Professor Wu denied that there had been any split or any conflict between Premier Sun Fo and acting President Li Tsung-jen.

The three delegates were met at Kai Tak by a large contingent of pressmen.

Professor Wu said that when they were in Peiping, the Communists advised them to go to Hongkong and contact the Reds there.

Asked which Communists leaders the delegates intended to contact in Hongkong, Professor Wu said that had not yet been decided.

The three delegates who arrived here today are Wu Yu-hao (leader), Chan Yee-yung and Wu Chat-fang.

Fruitless NT Search For Kidnappers

London, Feb. 21.—A girl of the Greek resistance movement, said to have thrown herself in front of a car after her engagement had been broken, today brought a breach of promise action against a British naval officer.

The girl, 22-year-old Liana Maria Kremezis, stated to have been in trouble with the Gestapo during the occupation of Greece because she had helped British soldiers escape when the Allies withdrew, sued Lieutenant Commander Thomas Graeme Ridgeway, aged 29, a serving officer in the Royal Navy.

She was said to have spent £7,000 on wedding preparations. Her counsel said she belonged to a "very good social class" in Athens. She was not poor—as indicated by the fact that she was able to come to Britain to pursue the action. The issue was chiefly one of damages.

The two met while Ridgeway was serving in Greece in 1940, counsel continued. They became engaged the same year and the marriage was arranged for the summer of 1947. Invitations were sent out to 300 guests, but Ridgeway did not arrive for the wedding.

After receiving a letter breaking off the engagement, Miss Kremezis fled to Britain and, in a state of nervous prostration, threw herself in front of a car, counsel said.

While she was in Britain, defendant announced his engagement to an Admiral's daughter, whom he later married.

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Russia's Latest Request

Paris, Feb. 21.—The Russian Government has asked the French Government to hand over for trial as war criminals three witnesses called by Mr Victor Kravchenko, the Soviet-born author of the book "I Chose Freedom," in his libel action against the French Communist weekly, Les Lettres Francaises, the Paris bureau of the Soviet news agency, Tass, reported tonight.

A note asking for the three witnesses to be handed over was handed to M. Robert Schuman, the French Foreign Minister, tonight by M. Alexander Bokomolov, the Soviet Ambassador to France, Tass stated.—Reuter.

"Hands Off Malaya" Parade In London

London, Feb. 21.—Colonial students and Communists maintained a ceaseless poster parade before Malaya House today, protesting against British military action in Malaya.

Starting at 8 am, British, Indian, Pakistani and other coloured students paraded in relays around Nelson's Column and on the pavements before Malaya House, carrying banners with the slogans "Hands off Malaya" and "We want houses, not graves, in Malaya".

The police have not interfered, but are keeping a watchful eye on the demonstrators.

Today's demonstration was planned during a week-end colonial convention which was addressed by Mr Lester Hutchinson, Labour Member of Parliament, who came into prominence during the famous Merut conspiracy in the 1930's.

Mr Hutchinson congratulated Colonial students for their active efforts to liberate their countries and voiced support for their anti-Government demonstration.

He said: "Right wing labour leaders in Britain would be deprived of their hot-water-bottles if Malaya was given independence."

The West African poet, Mr Peter Blackman, addressed the convention and appealed to all coloured races to "elevate their minds as independent human beings."

Mr Dilip Bose, chairman of the Colonial Convention, welcomed representatives from Pakistan, Ceylon and Africa, "students from Dominions who have just emerged from 200 years of imperialist rule and colonies who are still struggling to achieve freedom."

Mr Bose also said: "Before the heroic youth of Vietnam and Malaya, the bastions of imperialism are crumbling... In India today, the students are in the forefront of the country people's struggle."

In the meantime, at another meeting at India House, the Indian High Commissioner, Mr. Krishnan Menon, reiterated India's long-standing promise to uphold the aspirations of Asiatic and African countries seeking national independence.

Delegates to the Colonial Convention said today's demonstrations were a foretaste of an organised movement "to counter imperialist plans for the integration of Colonial territories".—United Press.

Britons In Mukden Free To Move About

Nanking, Feb. 21.—Authoritative reports today say that members of the British Consulate in Mukden enjoy wider freedom of movement than the 13 members of the American Consulate, who are confined to their quarters virtually incomunicado.

The latest fragmentary information from travellers is that the British are still permitted to move about in Mukden, though not outside the city.

The Americans are confined to their quarters, and it is not known whether they are permitted to carry on Consular duties, since radio communication was suspended on November 18, when the Communists refused to grant the American Consulate a licence to operate a transmitter.

The American, British and French Consulates are not permitted even to send cables contacting their respective governments.

Other fragmentary reports said that all foreign Consulates in Tientsin are still open and their staffs are given freedom of movement inside the city.—United Press.

Greek Girl Sues RN Officer

London, Feb. 21.—A girl of the Greek resistance movement, said to have thrown herself in front of a car after her engagement had been broken, today brought a breach of promise action against a British naval officer.

The girl, 22-year-old Liana Maria Kremezis, stated to have been in trouble with the Gestapo during the occupation of Greece because she had helped British soldiers escape when the Allies withdrew, sued Lieutenant Commander Thomas Graeme Ridgeway, aged 29, a serving officer in the Royal Navy.

She was said to have spent £7,000 on wedding preparations.

Her counsel said she belonged to a "very good social class" in Athens. She was not poor—as indicated by the fact that she was able to come to Britain to pursue the action. The issue was chiefly one of damages.

The two met while Ridgeway was serving in Greece in 1940, counsel continued. They became engaged the same year and the marriage was arranged for the summer of 1947. Invitations were sent out to 300 guests, but Ridgeway did not arrive for the wedding.

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REBELS SEIZE BURMA TOWNS

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Returning here today he described how he suspected trouble when armed men tried to enter his plane as it touched down at Meiktila. He said he took off at once, causing the men to be flung from the plane.

The insurgents now already hold Pyu and Toungoo, 35 and 170 miles north of Rangoon.

An official spokesman here said the rebels were reported to be advancing northwards towards Mandalay, presumably to rescue Karen rebels disarmed by Government forces.

Burmese Air Force planes today bombed Karen positions in Insein, near here, and Chin riflemen in the Government Army captured more positions in the town, it was reported.

A Government communiqué added that after Government forces had entered the railway workshops at Kyagon, south of Insein, heavy fighting took place and the Karens made unsuccessful attempts to break through the lines of the attackers.—Reuter.

Mr Walter Keates

The condition of Mr Walter Keates, who is in the Queen Mary Hospital suffering from a fracture of the skull, was stated this morning to be "just about the same."

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HK Council Of Women

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QUEENS & ALHAMBRA

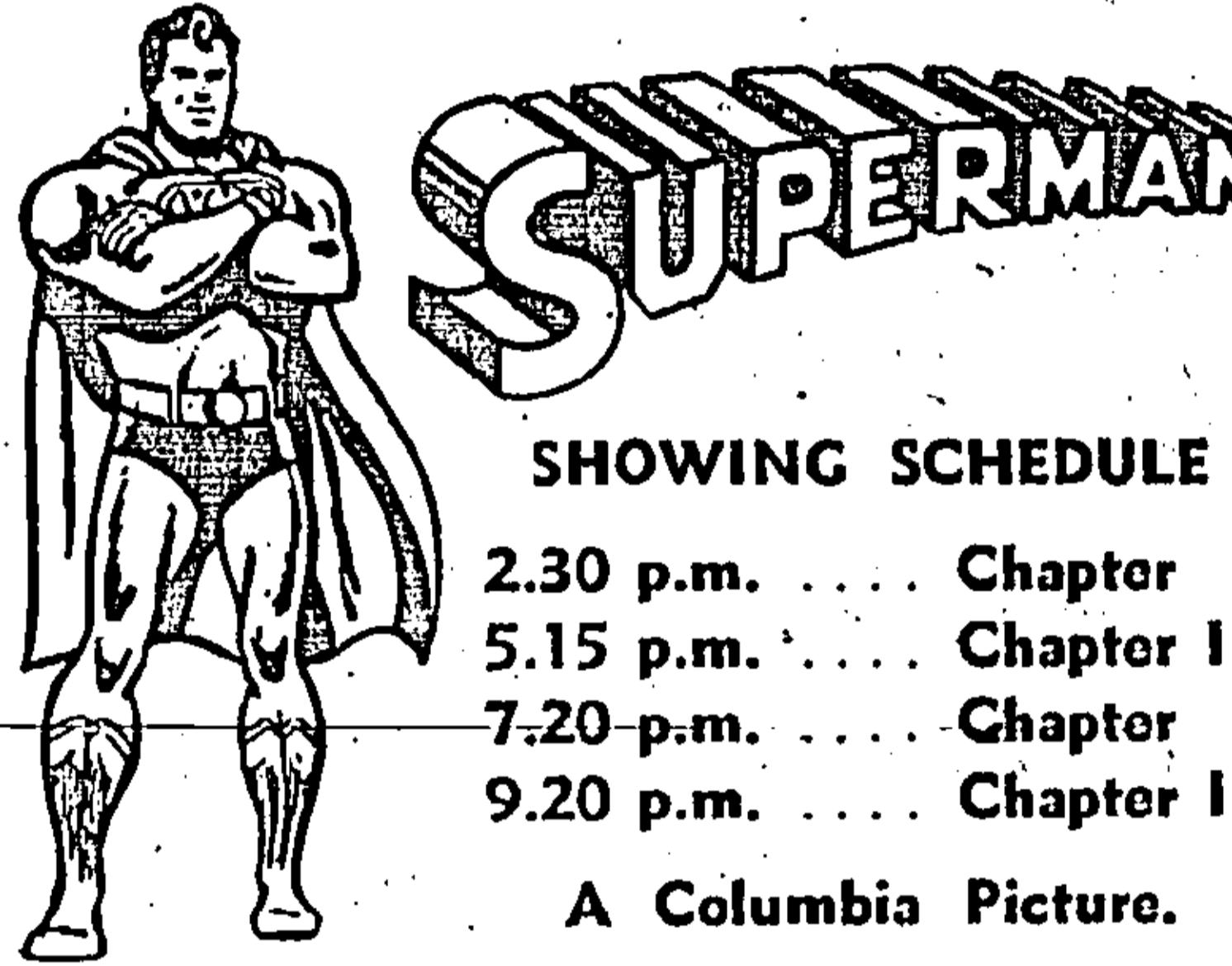
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N. Atlantic Union Prospects

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leader in Congress who cannot be identified. He said a clause in the treaty will leave no doubt about this nation's determination to resist aggression.

In England and elsewhere, considerate dismay had been expressed when Senate foreign policy leaders made it clear about a week ago they would not go along with an "automatic war" clause in the treaty.

Chairman Connally of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and Senator Vandenberg, believe such a clause would "pass" the United States Congress' right to declare war.

But an official said on Monday the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, has reached an understanding with the Foreign Relations Committee on the nature of the assurances.

Mr Acheson is scheduled to meet within the next day or two with representatives of Canada and the European countries taking part in the talks.

The State Department hopes to present the pact to Congress in a month, and to back it up with an multi-billion dollar military aid programme for Western Europe.

Norway's decision to go along with the West had been generally anticipated. Foreign Minister Lange told a news conference in Oslo that bitter experience has convinced his country that neutrality and isolation will not protect her. He cited the German invasion of 1940.—Associated Press.

A BIG DAY FOR THE CHILDREN

London, Feb. 21.—April 24 became an important date for every child in Britain today.

The Food Minister, Mr John Strachey, announced in Parliament that sweets are to be freed from rationing.

For the first time in seven years children will be able to buy as many sweets as their pocket money permits.

The de-rationing will mean a saving of 1,100 in staff to the trade and 400 to the Food Ministry. It will cost up to another 10,000 tons of sugar a year more than if de-rationing had been restricted, as originally proposed, only to the cheaper lines.—Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

HK Programme Summary: 6.01, "Through the Looking Glass" (BBC); 6.15, "Queen Alice" (BBC); 6.30, "Cantones" by Radio given by Miss Lee Wan-yan, K. Lee (Studio); 6.50, "Songs from the Far East

THOMAS CUP INTER-ZONE FINAL

Malaya's Badminton Stars Lead United States By Three Games To One

FREEMAN BEATS OOI WITH POWERFUL SMASHING

London, Feb. 21.—After one of the most thrilling badminton contests of all time, Malaya was leading the United States by three matches to one at the end of the first day's play in the inter-Zone Final of the Thomas Cup.

Every point was bitterly fought for and the 3,000 badminton fans present had never seen anything equal the play displayed by these shuttle experts tonight.

The highlight of the evening's play was the singles contest between Dr Dave Freeman of California, the United States champion undefeated in ten years, and Ooi Teck-hock, the Penang player who is champion of Malaya.

The American won by 16-10, 10-15, 15-4—after a terrific duel.

COLONY TENNIS

Seeded Player Eliminated

The Men's Open Singles Grass-court Tennis Championship started yesterday at the Hongkong Cricket Club when five first-round matches were decided. The sixth match between Tsui Yun-pui, one of the seeded players, and M. Heiman was postponed.

Match of the afternoon was between A. J. Doyle, another seeded player versus the veteran Ho Ka-lau. Ho proved much too good for the holder of the Far East Commonwealth Singles title and won 6-1, 6-4. Doyle put up a much stronger fight in the second set and made many beautiful passing shots which the advanced Ho failed to retrieve. However, Ho's experience told in the end.

D. Lo lost to B. T. M. Jones 6-2, 6-2. Lo's play yesterday was erratic and nervousness lost him many points, especially on his backhand.

THE RESULTS

The results were:
Lee Wai-tong beat J. L. C. Pearce, 6-1, 6-3.
F. M. Ribeiro beat George Lin Jr., 6-0, 6-0.
B. T. M. Jones beat Donald Lo, 6-2, 6-2.
Th. J. Ouswehand beat F. A. Fisher, 6-4, 6-6.
Ho Ka-lau beat A. J. Doyle, 6-1, 6-4.

TODAY'S GAMES

Court 1: J. S. Beirne vs. J. A. R. Hurbut.
Court 2: J. B. Hawthorn vs. F. H. Kwok.
Court 3: A. Furrer vs. Roch Leung.
Court 4: Molan Chan vs. P. V. Shawe.

ON THE RECORD

As Old As One Feels

Those who watched Ho Ka-lau eliminate the first seeded player to go out of this year's Colony Open Grasscourt Tennis Championship on the very first day of the tournament at the HKCC yesterday will find it rather a startling fact to learn that he first played in this tournament 25 years ago.

Ho reached the semi-final of the Open Singles three times and the final of the Open Doubles in 1930 with the late Paul Kong, in 1935 with W. C. Hung and in 1939 with Lee Yue-wing.

H. K. Liui, who is Hon. Secretary of the Lawn Tennis Association, is all of 40 years of age even if he doesn't look it. Though reports of yesterday's match in which he eliminated A. J. Doyle, the Services' champion, described him as "panting" in the second set, he was panting to victory.

The difference between Ho Ka-lau and A. J. Doyle in that game was that Ho Ka-lau, if he hasn't all the wind in the world, has more knowledge of the strategy of tennis than many a player with smash and stamina.

Doyle, I was told, never touched his real form at any time during the game. I am inclined to think that, confronted with Ho Ka-lau's cut and slice tactics, he never had a chance to.

As Ho Ka-lau assumes the mantle of a seeded player, a curious situation exists in the top semi-final

Freeman owed his success to his tremendously powerful smashes, which completely nonplussed the little Malayan at critical periods.

Ooi had, however, the distinction of becoming only the second player ever in ten years to take a game off the American champion.

Freeman, of Scottish ancestry, proved to be the superb artist that Americans had always claimed him to be.

Another Californian, dark-haired Marten Mendez, very nearly brought off a surprise and was only beaten by the Singapore player, Wong Peng-sun, by 15-11, 11-15, 15-10. It was only an amazing recovery by the Malayman, who was 5-0 down in the final set, that decided the issue.

As generally anticipated, the Malayan doubles pairs proved too good for the Americans, due to their superior team work, although a brilliant spell by Freeman and Rogers, gave a game to the Americans in the last doubles contest of the evening.—Reuter.

DOUBLES SCORES

Yeo Tech-chye and Chan Kon-ling beat Bob Williams and Clinton Stephens, 17-15, 15-12.
Ooi Telk Hock and Teoh Seoh Kroon beat Dave Freeman and Wynn Rogers, 15-8, 7-15, 15-8.—United Press.

Court 5: D. Nolan vs. Peter M. F. U.
Court 6: Choy Tin-wah vs. J. S. Lee.

Trygve Lie, (centre), Secretary-General of the United Nations, draws from the Davis Cup, the name of one of the 28 challenging nations during the official drawings for pairings in New York City.

Walter Merrill Hall (left), Chairman of the Davis Cup Committee, and Lawrence A. Baker, President of the United States Lawn Tennis Association, aid Lie in the draw.

The eventual survivors of the zone plays will meet the United States team in the challenge round at Forest Hills on August 26-28.—AP Wirephoto.

MCC TOUR

Natal Leads On First Innings

Maritzburg, Feb. 21.—The Natal XI gained a lead of 12 runs on the first innings against the MCC here today, getting rid of the touring side for 276.

One over in the morning was sufficient to finish off the Natal Innings for 280, an addition of four runs to the closing score of Saturday, and then despite a century (105) from Maurice Tremlett, his first in a first-class match of the tour, the MCC failed to overtake the opposition.

This was mainly due to some fine bowling by Dinklak, a left arm slow bowler, who took five wickets in succession midway through the afternoon.

Before bad light stopped play the Natal team had scored 14 without loss in their second innings.

Tremlett's was a lucky innings at the start for in his first 50 runs, scored in 48 minutes, he was dropped twice from lifting drives close to fielders on the boundary. Up to that time Tremlett's score included two sixes and five fours, and he hit 11 fours in his stay of two hours four minutes.—Reuter.

DAVIS CUP

Aussies Will Play At Montreal

Montreal, Feb. 21.—The Canadian Lawn Tennis Association said today that Australia has accepted an invitation to play the Davis Cup in Montreal.

The Canadians said the Australian Association also suggested that the final of the North American zone be at Montreal and that the inter-zone final, which pits the north American zone winner versus the European zone winner, be played at Forest Hills, New York, which is the site of the challenge round.

MISTER CONQUEST



Lew ("The Voice") Burton explained in 305,000 words that Cerdan will defend his world middle-weight title for the Tournament of Champions in June... Holland Ridge Club have upset the 12 years unbeaten record of Little Clacton, beating their Essex neighbours by two points.

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FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

• MCKENNEY ON BRIDGE

More Advantages Under Point-Count

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

In today's article, Fred L. Karpin, author of "The Point-Count System of Bidding in Contract Bridge," published by the Kaufman Press of Washington, D. C., points out further advantages of the point-count over the honour-trick system of bidding.

A Moyse, Jr., editor and publisher of "The Bridge World," recently wrote an article entitled "Why I Dislike the 4-3-2-1 Count." Moyse has always advocated the honour-trick count, although he admits that it is not perfect. He claims the mistake-point-count advocates make is in claiming perfection for their system.

In his article Mr. Moyse showed certain hands on which the point-count system did not work. Today Mr. Karpin presents three hands, and asks, "If your partner opened the bidding with one no trump, which of these three hands would you prefer to hold?"

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SCIENCE AT WORK:

TINNED FOODS RETAIN NUTRITIONAL VALUES

BY PAUL F. ELLIS

A SIX-YEAR research programme by scientists of nine universities shows that most tinned food loses none of its nutritional value.

Dr. Conrad A. Elvehjem, dean of the graduate school of the University of Wisconsin and discoverer of the B-vitamin niacin, said that the work was "one of the most comprehensive and valuable programmes of scientific investigation that has ever been undertaken in the field of processed foods."

Check Your Knowledge

1. What is the common name for mercury?

2. What is a dingo?

3. Where are quickands most often found?

4. Name the first woman member of a United States Cabinet.

5. When was frictional electricity discovered?

6. Name the current that warms the northwestern shores of North America.

(Answers in Column 4)

BOYS AND GIRLS MAGAZINE

Hanid Scolded Purr-Purr

—She Told Her Not to Climb Trees—

By MAX TRELL



Hanid lectured Purr-Purr.

"NOW Purr-Purr," said Hanid, the shadow-girl with the turned-about name, in a gentle voice to the white kitten, "I just looked out of the window and saw what you were doing. You were climbing up a tree."

Purr-Purr just looked at Hanid and didn't say a word. I don't think (in fact, I'm quite sure) Purr-Purr couldn't talk. But even if she could, she didn't. Hanid took Purr-Purr off her lap and sat very quietly for a moment or two on the back steps of the house.

"Of course, dear," Hanid finally said, speaking to Purr-Purr again, "lots of things climb up trees. Boys do and girls do. But kittens shouldn't. Do you know why they shouldn't?"

Purr-Purr didn't say that she cared about hearing why kittens shouldn't climb trees. But Hanid decided to tell her anyway.

Catch Birds

"It's because when kittens climb trees they always try to catch birds. It isn't right for kittens to try to catch birds, any more than it would be for birds," Hanid added quickly. "To try to catch kittens," Hanid said, "just in case Purr-Purr thought that they did."

"Birds are too nice to be caught and eaten up," Hanid went on. "If

all the kittens in the world climbed trees and caught all the birds in the world, who would fly around anymore? Who would chirp and sing? It wouldn't be nearly as cheerful as it is now, without any birds. Now would it?"

Purr-Purr still remained silent, so Hanid continued.

"Without birds, there wouldn't be any nests in the trees. The robins and the swallows wouldn't come back in the Spring. The sparrows wouldn't stay here all winter. The sea-gulls wouldn't follow the ships. The eagles wouldn't fly high over the mountains. And even the canaries would be gone and there would be nothing hanging in the windows of lots of houses but empty cages."

"And then, Purr-Purr," Hanid said, holding up the kitten and gazing right into her eyes, "what would you do then? Whom would you hunt?"

Purr-Purr didn't answer. But Hanid did.

In the Cellar

"You'd have to hunt mice, down in the cellar. And that's what you ought to do right now, instead of climbing trees. Mice are just as good to eat as birds, and no one would miss mice at all. So please, from now on, hunt mice in the cellar instead of birds in the trees. Will you do that, Purr-Purr?"

It seemed to Hanid that Purr-Purr nodded her little white head. At any rate, Hanid set her down on the ground again. Slowly Purr-Purr walked toward the cellar door, paused for a moment, glanced back at Hanid, waved her tail in the air, and went down the cellar steps. Hanid smiled to herself. "Perhaps she understood me after all," Hanid said. "Kittens are very clever. They know what you're saying even though they never take the trouble to tell you so."

Rupert's Elfie Bell—17



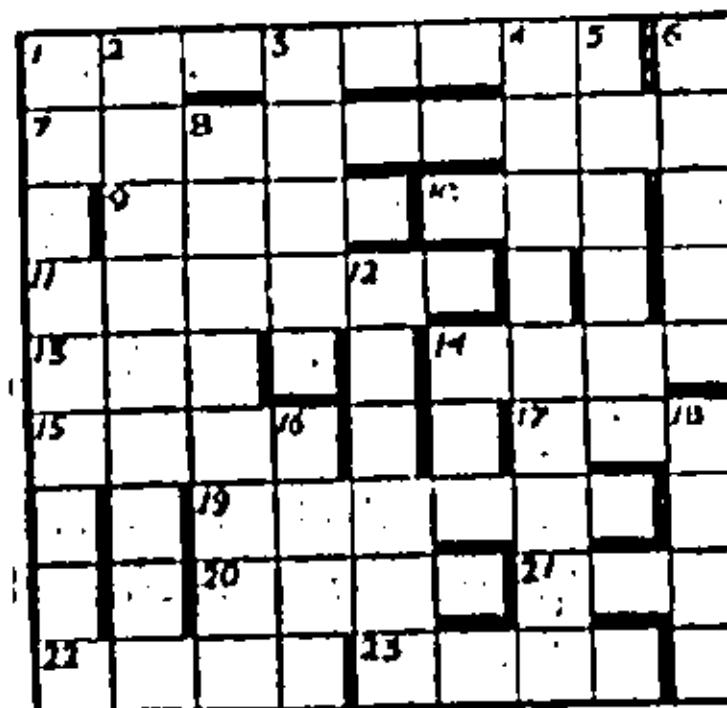
The Autumn Elf runs so fast that...

White, 8 pieces.

White to play and mate in two. Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. R—KKt3; any; 2. Q mates.

CROSSWORD



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Berlin Jews Stone Police, Raid Theatre

MORE DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST BRITISH FILM

Berlin, Feb. 21.—The screening of the British film "Oliver Twist" was again suspended today when hundreds of Jewish demonstrators stoned armed German police and broke into the Kurfürstendamm in the British sector of Berlin.

The demonstrators, who alleged the film was anti-Semitic, sang the Israeli national anthem when they learned that it would not be shown. The police arrested Herr Ernst Borchardt, a member of the Jewish Community Committee, who told the crowd that the showing had been postponed.

British military police stood by but took no part as the hopelessly outnumbered German police turned fire hoses on an angry crowd, which had grown to more than 5,000.

The Berlin premiere should have been held today following its postponement yesterday after a demonstration by Polish Jews, who "lauded" the Kurfürstendamm movie theatre, shouting "This film is anti-Semitic" and "We will not allow this film to be shown."

West German sector police headquarters had said earlier today that they would give "inadequate protection" for today's premiere. Today's crowd comprised mainly of Eastern European Jews. They tried to fight their way into the movie theatre 15 minutes before the postponed performance was due to begin.

BATON CHARGES FAIL

West German sector police drew their batons and pressed back the demonstrators when they attempted to tear down posters advertising the film. The baton charges failed to prevent the demonstrators from tearing down the posters.

One Jew, his face covered with blood, fought his way to a radio microphone and, speaking in German and Polish, protested against the showing of the film.

A crowd of nearly 300 had gathered when some demonstrators threw stones at the German police. The police drew their pistols but the Jews taunted them and forced them to shoot. Upon an order of an officer, the police put their pistols back in their holsters.

The crowd then forced them back against the walls of the movie theatre. Using heavy stones, the demonstrators broke down a side door and forced their way inside. They found the theatre deserted. The showing had again been postponed and the audience had left through eight exits.

FIRE HOSES USED

The demonstrators stayed back into the street and in free fights and stone throwing an American radio reporter sustained a broken nose. When the crowd swelled to 5,000, the German police, hopelessly outnumbered, used fire hoses. The demonstrators then attacked them again.

One shot was fired by a panicky policeman but so far as could be seen no one was injured.

German onlookers generally adopted a neutral attitude, declaring: "This is a fight between the Jews and the British."

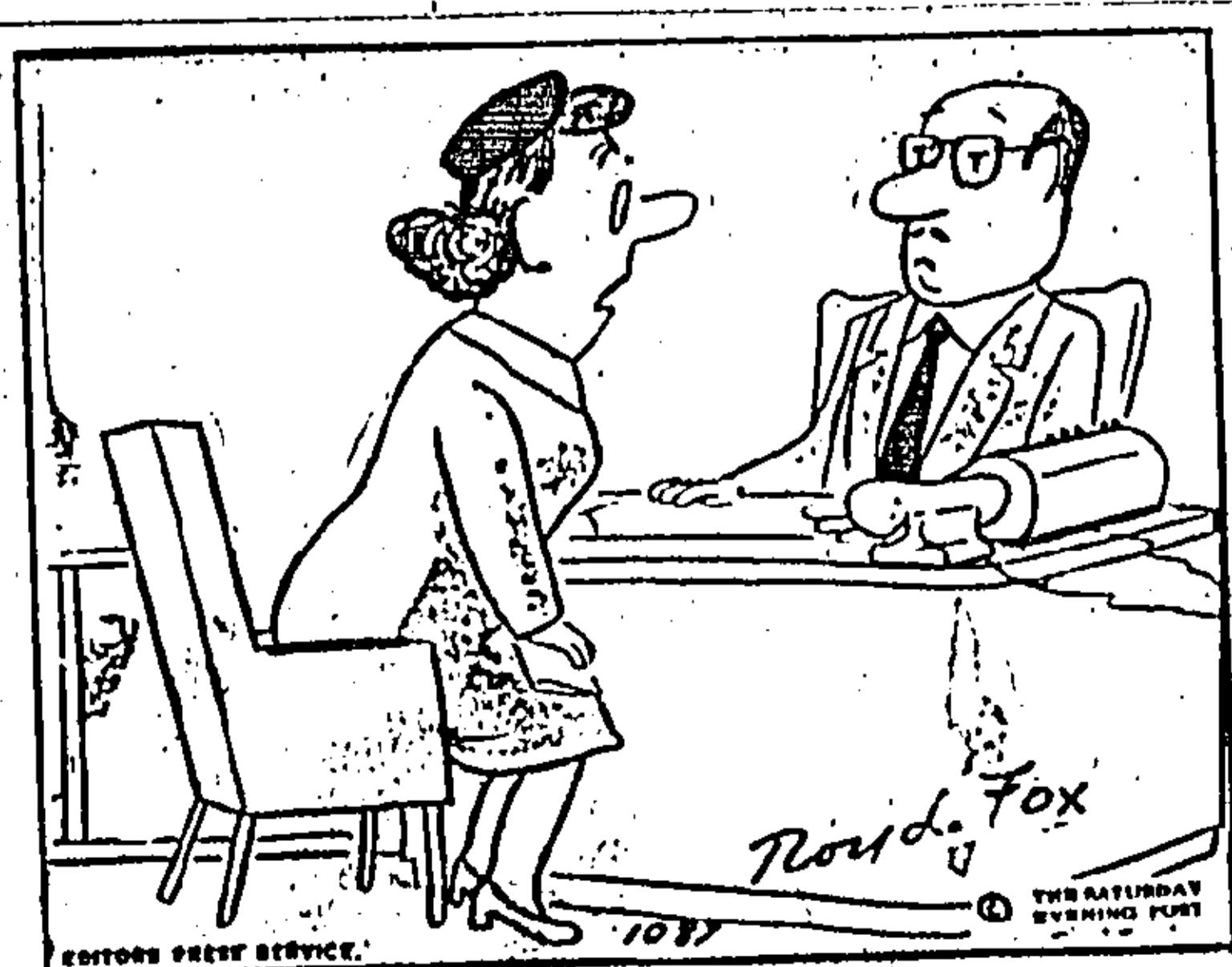
No British personnel were involved although three British civil police officers were at the scene. Strongly reinforced German police eventually succeeded in clearing the square in front of the movie theatre.

Mr Henry Durban, the Berlin representative of Eagle-Lion Films, said: "We have now withdrawn 'Oliver Twist' and replaced it with Margaret Lockwood's 'Hungry Hill.' If, however, we can get British military police protection, we will attempt to put on 'Oliver Twist' again tonight."

As the crowd began to disperse, a delegation representing the Jewish community in Berlin went to the West sector German police headquarters to negotiate for the release of four members who were detained. The four included Borchardt, who had pacified the demonstrators, by announcing that the film had been withdrawn.

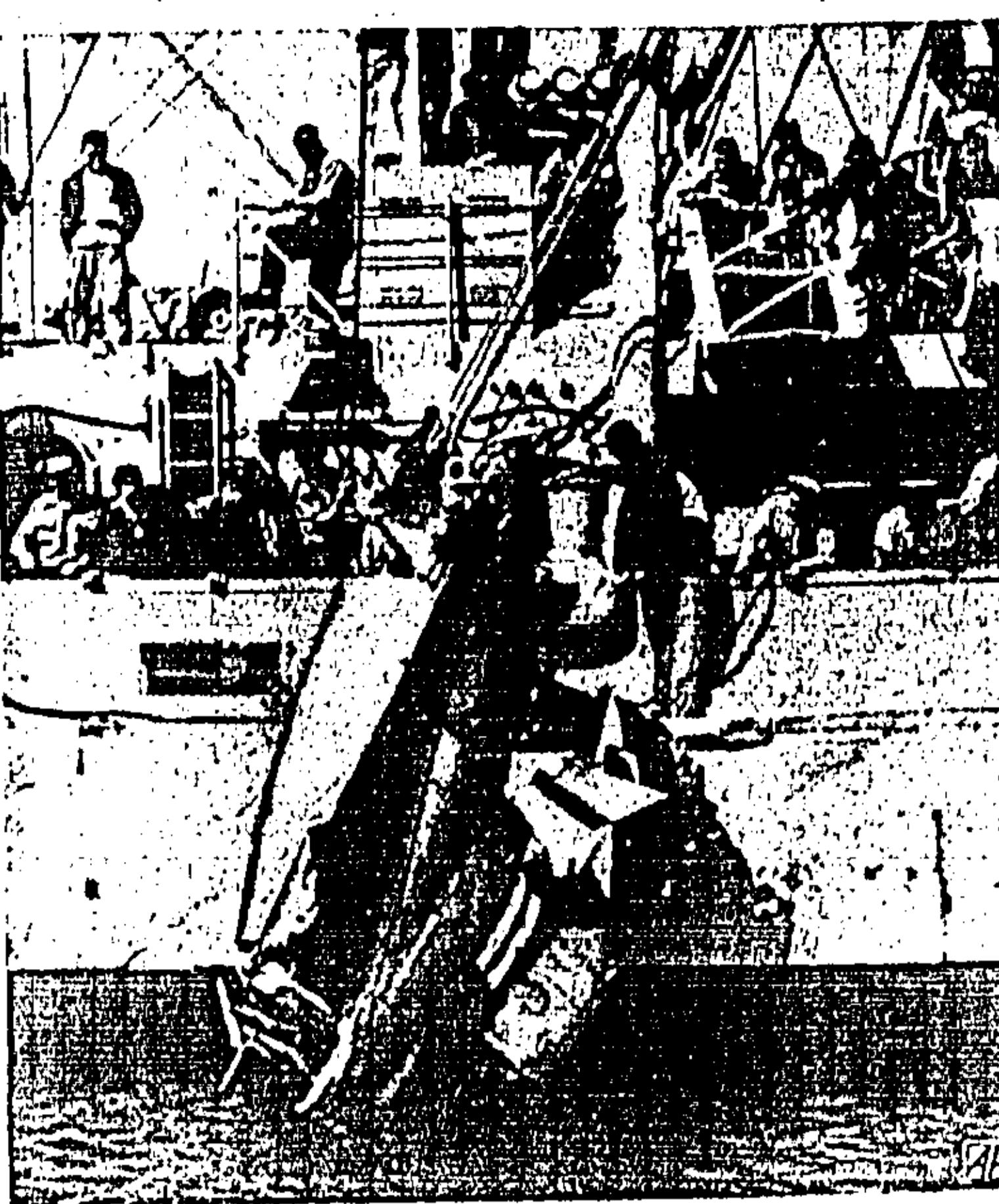
CANNOT BE TOLERATED

Several of the Jews who had helped to organize the demonstration told Reuter: "If they put the film on again we shall demonstrate again. Anti-Semitic propaganda cannot again be tolerated in Germany."



"Suddenly I find myself keeping secrets."

Wreckage Of Secret Bomber



A twisted section of fuselage from a secret U.S. Navy carrier bomber which plunged into the ocean off the Southern California coast is raised to the surface by the submarine rescue ship Floriken. No trace was found of the two test pilots carried to their deaths. — AP Picture.

Truman's Legislative Programme Bogged Down By Politics

Washington, Feb. 21.—The new Democratic Congress today began its eighth week with President Truman's legislative programme stuck in political boggs. Except for the reciprocal trade legislation which has passed the House, none of the major items of his programme is yet on the way to enactment.

On such major issues as the repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act, new taxes and higher minimum wages, President Truman apparently will have to accept compromises which he will not like. The chance that the Congress will vote the President standby power to control wages and prices is getting slimmer every day. The Administration's farm price support programme is still under study and has not been presented to Congress. Mr Truman's programme for medical insurance has been accumulating opposition as its various phases have been explained.

Powerful organisations which helped the Democrats to win their great election victory last November are beginning to complain about the callous of the Senate leadership. President Truman himself is getting a few knocks from the Left Wing too.

The magazine, New Republic, in its current issue says that President Truman will be evading his responsibilities for moral leadership if he fails to prod Congress into action toward realisation of Democratic objectives.

CIO ANGRY

The CIO claims much credit for restoring the Democrats to the control of the House and Senate last November. But the CIO is becoming angry and impatient. In a communication from the CIO Headquarters last week there were these hard words: "Administration bungling of the worst order played right into the hands of Taft-Hartley Republicans. A good many Democrats in the Senate will have to be reminded vigorously and often that the party campaigned on a clear cut pledge to repeal the Taft-Hartley Act and ended the Wagner Act and that the party won its victory on that basis."

The New Deal organisation called the Americans for Democratic Action is on the war path too. Its current publication assails the "defeatist attitude" of the Senate Democratic leadership on the question of presenting filibusters. In the same issue this New Deal group complains that hearing have not even been scheduled by any Congressional committee to consider President Truman's fair employment practices programme.

The filibuster issue is hot today only because all agree that the programme has no chance in the Senate unless rules are changed to prevent the angry Southerners from talking it to death. What happens to rules and ultimately to fair employment will greatly influence what Congress does on any other controversial subjects in this session. If the rules are changed and any substantial part of those proposals enacted, the division within the Democratic Party will be greatly increased. It is on that division between the Southern and Northern Democrats that the Republicans must depend to defeat or reshape President Truman's legislative programme. — United Press.

London, Feb. 21.—Mr Keith Henry Scott Watson, British journalist, was today awarded £225 agreed damages in a London libel action against the Daily Mirror, concerning a paragraph in that paper which alleged he had been expelled from Egypt. Mr Geoffrey Lawrence, for Mr Scott Watson, said the paragraph was published in August, 1948, when the plaintiff was Public Relations Officer for the Navy, Army and Air Force Institutes (NAAFI) in the Middle East.

It read: "Communist views are given as the reason why Mr Keith Scott Watson, a writer who worked for the Ministry of Information, is being expelled from Egypt, which has not expelled a British journalist before."

Mr Scott Watson was not expelled from Egypt, he had never held or expressed Communist views, Mr Lawrence added.

Mr Owen Stable, for the defendants, said the terms had been agreed. — Reuter.

GAOL SENTENCES FOR RIOTERS

Durban, Feb. 21.—Two natives were given gaol terms today for attacks on Indians.

In sentencing one man to two months' imprisonment for stone-throwing, the magistrate remarked that the wanton disturbances were the kind that could start general riots again.

The other native was given a three-month sentence. — United Press.

New Drug Has Limitations As Well As Advantages

Latest Findings On Streptomycin

Geneva, Feb. 21.—Tuberculosis victims treated with streptomycin in many instances develop a resistance to the drug to a point where it is no longer effective, according to a recent study made by the World Health Organisation.

The study reports that the new drug has limitations as well as disadvantages.

"There is no doubt that streptomycin can reduce the death rate in tubercular meningitis by as much as 20 percent in some cases," the report notes. It adds that in some acute types of lung disease a "marked improvement amounting in some cases to what may be termed a cure" results.

The study goes on to say, however, that "perhaps the greatest disadvantage of streptomycin is that there is a very great tendency for the tubercle bacillus in the patient's body to become resistant to the drug. In other words, during the treatment of many cases a time comes when the drug no longer has any action on the microbes which cause the disease. In such cases all further treatment with the drug must be stopped."

SMALLER DOSES

The report says that in the early days of the use of the drug dosages were probably too large. It has now been shown that smaller doses can be given with good effect and without causing so many complications. The study says it is "good to know" that manufacturing chemists are now preparing a modified streptomycin "which may overcome some, if not all, of these awkward complications."

Among other disadvantages of streptomycin, the report lists, "many cases of giddiness and kidney disturbances following its use." In a few cases individuals handling it have developed skin rashes.

Another drawback of streptomycin—its high cost—is being overcome. The study says that two years ago it could be obtained by only a few authorities and individuals who could afford to pay as much as \$8 to \$10 daily for treatment which had to be continued for months.

"Today, however, the price is much lower and is fast coming under the purchasing power of large numbers of people," the report notes.

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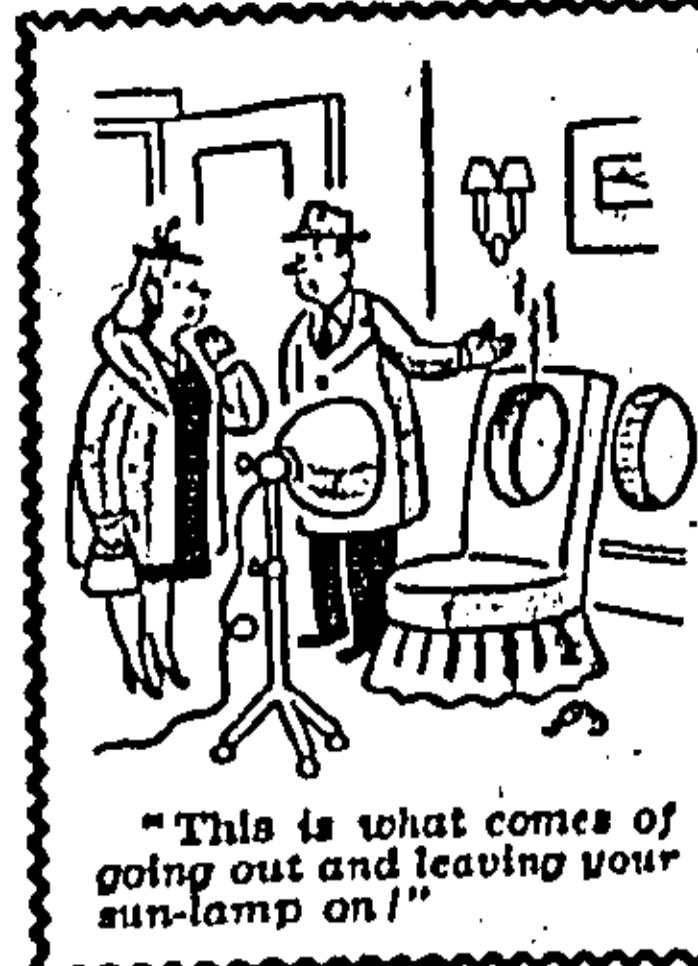
A recent report to WHO by members of an international conference of streptomycin experts held last summer stresses that the drug should not be used for types of cases which are likely to respond favourably to the conventional forms of treatment.

Experts from the United States, Britain, France, Italy, Belgium and Greece drew up the report. According to WHO perhaps the most important conclusions "are those which sound a warning to the effect that the drug is far from being a cure for tuberculosis in all its forms."

Many problems remain to be solved.

However, the report urges that research on the use of streptomycin "go forward with urgency and speed." — United Press.

POCKET CARTOON



DEFENCE AGAINST AT. BOMB

U.S. Preparations

Washington, Feb. 21.—The Atomic Energy Commission told Congress today that it was preparing detailed plans for the defence of the nation against atomic bomb attack.

The Commission manager, Mr Carroll Wilson, said the Commission was preparing a detailed report on the best method of atomic defence. He said the Commission was working in close co-operation with the national military establishment.

Part of the plan is to place personnel trained in the use of Geiger-counters at strategic points throughout the nation. These counters are used to detect radioactivity.

Mr Wilson said there already was a stockpile of these Geiger-counters at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, the site of the major atomic plant. Mr Wilson did not indicate when the report would be ready.

CONTRACT POLICIES

The Joint Congressional Atomic Energy Committee drew a statement from Mr Wilson, during questioning of leaders on contract policies.

Senator Brian McMahon asked Mr Wilson about the criticism that the Commission was not getting out enough industrial information to American industry.

Mr Wilson replied that the Commission was considering inviting technical journals to name a committee to view classified and unclassified information in Commission files to determine what would be of value. He said the Commission would then consider whether the information could be turned over to industry without endangering national security. — United Press.

Move To Stop Riots

Cape Town, Feb. 21.—Seventy-four police officers were tonight sent to Durban Pietermaritzburg from Witwatersrand to prevent possible African-Indian riots.

During the weekend, Africans burned two Indian buses in the Umgungundlovu district of Durban and the driver of one of them died later from knife wounds. — Reuter.

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